



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
May 16, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

Happy middle of May! I hope May is going well for you. Yesterday, May 15, I attended the ordination of four men to the priesthood. Two of the guys, Fr. Alex Spenik and Fr. Jim Winings, had spent several summers living at Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross in the seminary formation. It was a real blessing to witness these men give their lives over to God and His Church. It brought back such great and sacred memories of my ordination on May 17, 2003. This Tuesday I will celebrate eighteen years as a priest. Eleven of those years have been spent at SRW and three of those years as SRW and SJC. I hope to spend many more years both at SRW and SJC. Hopefully, I will celebrate my 25th anniversary as a priest at SRW/SJC! Every day is a blessing for me as a priest and, even on bad days, I never waiver from my commitment because of the great love of the people I serve. You all honor me with your love and support both in good and bad times. Thank you for that!



As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, you will see that we are slowly returning to a sense of normalcy, both in the physical environment on campus and returning to some of our beloved worship practices and ministries/ activities. Both at SRW and SJC we are working to plan some great events for the summer and into the fall. Weddings are happening this year! We have celebrated First Communion and Confirmation! We are planning for another Mass at Captains Stadium, followed by a game and picnic for SJC. SRW is planning a two day festival in August, and most importantly lots of people are coming back to church. It is so great to see so many people!

A few lessons I have learned from the pandemic and will carry with me as we emerge:

- * How precious the gift of the Mass and the celebration of it with a community of people in our lives.
- * How important it is to reach out to those who are alone or isolated. They really need a human connection.
- * That while technology is great and helps us so much in our lives, nothing can replace human contact and interaction!
- * **How much we need God in our lives! We cannot do anything without HIM.**

I know the above is nothing profound but as I take these lessons to prayer, they have real implications in my daily life. I encourage you to do the same. See where God leads you in these reflections.

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John



**St. John of the Cross
Next Community Meal
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
5 p.m. — Drive Through Only**

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays: 8:30 am
Tuesdays & Thursdays:.....6:30 pm

Fridays:- Morning Prayer 8:30 am with Eucharistic Adoration 8:45 am to 2:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:00 pm
Sundays:.....7:45 am & 10:15 am

Confessions

Saturdays:.....3:00 - 3:30 pm



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God blessed the campaign and we know 755 babies, mothers, fathers and families were spared from abortion, 7 more abortion workers experienced conversion, and 3 more abortion facilities closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 14 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 18,745 babies spared from abortion, 217 converted abortion workers, and 110 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from September 22 – October 31 in the 2021 Fall Campaign. God bless you and thank you.

John Noall, campaign director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts/Painesville

LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

As a counselor, some of the most common questions I get are about parenting. Parenting is not easy and is often an incredibly complicated and difficult task that requires changing and adapting to new challenges. This is especially true of the last year with everything that happened related to the pandemic. God the Father should serve as our example of an ideal parent and one of the first things I recommend is to pray for guidance as a parent. Learning to be a good parent is not only good for children's mental health, but also for the parent. Effective parenting skills and strategies can help us to remain calm, improve conflict resolution, and nurture good communication. Another recommendation I usually give is to attend a parenting class. Parenting classes can be a great place for learning new parenting skills, finding a supportive environment of other parents, and practicing or discussing new strategies. Love and Logic is an example of a parenting philosophy that has helped many adults improve their parenting skills by providing classes. If you are interested, you can find Love and Logic trainers that provide classes locally by visiting www.loveandlogic.com. A good place to start if you are curious about Love and Logic is to read Parenting with Love and Logic by Foster Cline, MD and Jim Fay. It is full of helpful suggestions and tools for raising confident and motivated children. There are no perfect parents, which means parents can always work on improving their skills and techniques. If you are interested in improving your parenting skills, consider praying about attending a parenting class or picking up some parenting books.

Luke Brown, LPC

CALL OF LOVE MINISTRY

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Call of Love is a phone outreach ministry. It is a loving process to reach out to see how people are doing, and offer to pray for them.

How does it work?

Call of Love phone helpers will reach out to the entire parish community on a regular basis, asking this question: "We are calling to see how you are and if there is anything you want us to pray for."

As a Call of Love Minister, you would be calling parishioners and basically saying we love you and want to support you in prayer. Once up and running, this phone ministry becomes a true expression of stewardship. It is building relationships of love and belonging which is the heart of a vibrant parish.

There will be teams of 4 callers who will rotate making the calls on a monthly basis. There will be an initial training session.

Call of Love is both an outreach and prayer ministry. Each team will start with prayer and end the evening in prayer, as the team will pray for all those who were contacted.

Please consider this necessary ministry. We are not asking for a lifetime commitment. The estimated start up day is June of 2021.

Thank you,
Deacon Tom

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact you.

Name _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
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READINGS

FIRST READING:

"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)
Or Alleluia.

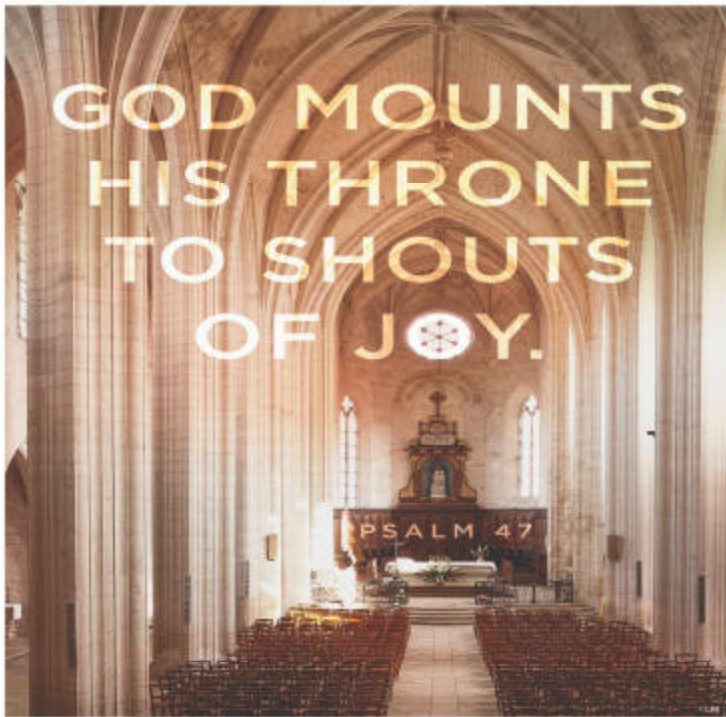
SECOND READING:

The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. (Eph 4:10)

GOSPEL:

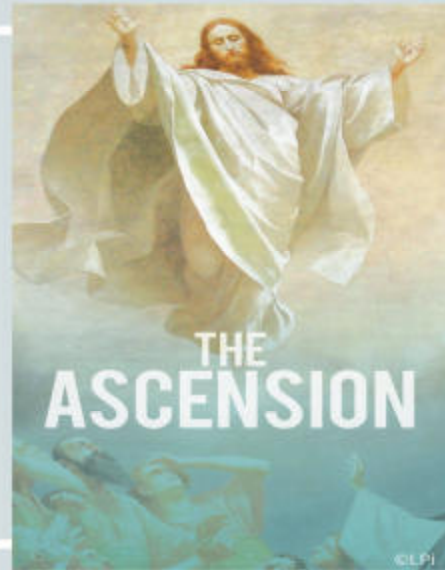
So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:19)

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?

SECOND READING

Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?

GOSPEL READING

Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?



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Monday, May 17

8:30 AM (JB/TS-P) † B.J. Riedel

Tuesday, May 18

6:30 PM (JB) † Marcey Kaluza

Wednesday, May 19

8:30 AM (JL) † Intentions of our Blessed Mother

Thursday, May 20

6:30 (JL/TS) † Thomas Wetzel

Friday, May 21

No Mass (8:30am Morning Prayer; 9am-2pm Adoration)

Saturday, May 22

4 PM (JB/TS-P) † John & Margaret Walsh

Sunday, May 23

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † People of the Parish

10:15 AM (JL/TS-P) † Miro Erdani

Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving.....\$3,677.14

Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$1,580.00

Faith Direct*-Half Giving.....\$

Faith Direct*-Half Maintenance.....\$

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

The Great Outdoors is Calling You

The Parish Garden Ministry is in urgent need of volunteers. Would you or your family like to "Adopt-a-Garden"?

We currently have 33 gardens but only 13 families participating. Typical garden tasks include: planting, weeding, and watering. Come show your creativity and devotion. You can breathe fresh air and soak up the sunshine as you contemplate the miracle of God's world. To join the team, contact Bernie Solpa (216) 261-6866 or call the parish office at 216-289-0770 x.100, and leave your name and contact information (name, phone, e-mail).

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

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